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1. Nicolas VALDANO Raffo, leader of the Accion Revolucionaria Nacional Ecuatoriana (ARNE), resigned from his government post as Secretary-General of Public Administration on 6 February 1953. VALDANO's resignation, which was to become effective in eight days, has been accepted by President VELASCO Ibarra, but ARNE will continue to co-operate with VELASCO unless he seeks leftist support.
2. VALDANO Raffo's resignation will considerably diminish the possibilities of further agitation on the part of the Federacion de Estudiantes Universitarios del Ecuador (FEUE) and other leftist groups against ARNE influence in the government. It does not appear that VELASCO will make further concessions to leftist groups. In this connection VELASCO has advised a small group of Army officers that he will not again accede to FEUE wishes and will close the National University, if necessary, to silence the latter organization.
3. In order to give VELASCO a free hand, it is possible that all Ministers may resign. Such resignations will not be accepted, with the possible exception of the Minister of Government.

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